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SUBJ: VISIT OF EXIMBANK LOAN OFFICER, ROBERT R. SIMONINI

RE: EXIMBANK'S LETTER OF MARCH 22 TO AMBASSADOR SHLAUDEMANN
OUTLINING DETAILS OF VISIT OF O'CONNOR AND GOSNELL TO CARACAS

1. EXIMBANK LOAN OFFICER, ROBERT SIMONINI, WILL BE ARRIVING
MAY 17 P.M. FROM MIAMI TO JOIN EXIMBANK DEPUTY EXECUTIVE VICE
PRESIDENT, EDWARD J. O'CONNOR, AND ECONOMIST, PETER J. GOSNELL,
WHO WILL BE ARRIVING FROM BRAZIL MAY 18 AT 4:30 A.M. REQUEST
THAT EMBASSY ARRANGE ROOMS FOR EACH AT HOTEL LA FLORESTA - WOULD
PREFER LARGE SINGLES OR DOUBLES IF AVAILABLE. MR. SIMONINI WILL
CHECK OUT OF LA FLORESTA MORNING OF MAY 21 AND FLY TO MARACAIBO
ARRIVING APPROXIMATELY 10:30 A.M. AND RETURN TO CARACAS SAME
DAY LEAVING MARACAIBO ABOUT 7:45 P.M. REQUEST SINGLE ROOM
RESERVATION AT HOTEL MACUTO SHERATON FOR MAY 21 AND MAY 22.
MR. SIMONINI WILL LEAVE CARACAS ON MAY 23 P.M. TO BOGOTA,
COLOMBIA.

2. MR. SIMONINI WILL BE ACCOMPANYING EXIMBANK DEPUTY EXECUTIVE
VICE PRESIDENT, EDWARD O'CONNOR IN MEETINGS WITH THE VENEZUELAN
INVESTMENT FUND, INSTITUTO VENEZOLANO DE PETROQUIMICA, ARGENIS
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GAMBOA OF CVG, GENERAL RAFAEL ALFONZO RAVARD OF PETROVEN AND

DISCUSSIONS ABOUT VENEZUELAN RAILROAD AND BRIDGE PROJECTS.

3. IN ADDITION, REQUEST TWO APPOINTMENTS FOR MR. SIMONINI MORNING OF MAY 18 OR OTHER TIME NOT TO CONFLICT WITH APPOINTMENTS OF O'CONNOR AS FOLLOWS:

CORPORACION VENEZOLANA DE FOMENTO
DR. JUAN IGNAZIO LESSMAN
CONSULTORIA JUARIDICO OF THE CVP
RE: CARACAS 2824

CVF CENTRALES AZUCARERORAS, C.A.
EDIFICIO CENTRO ANDRES BELLO
TORRE ESTE, PISO 15
AVENIDA ANDRES BELLO
MR. ALVARO ALVAREZ

4. REQUEST APPOINTMENTS FOR MR. SIMONINI IN MARACAIBO ON MAY 21 AS FOLLOWS:

A) OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM DE VENEZUELA, S.A.
B) DELTAVEN (FORMERLY TEXACO)
C) PERFORACIONES ALTA MAR
APARTADO 1641, MARACAIBO
MR. JOHN ASKEW

OCCIDENTAL AND DELTAVEN HAVE IN THE PAST LEASED DRILLING EQUIPMENT FROM ALTA MAR TO WHOM EXIMBANK HAS A LOAN/GUARANTEE BALANCE OUTSTANDING OF APPROXIMATELY DOLS 650,000. EXIMBANK STAFF WISHES TO SPEAK WITH SOMEONE IN OCCIDENTAL AND DELTAVEN THAT IS FAMILIAR WITH THE LEASING OF THE ALTA MAR RIGS.

5. WILL ADVISE EMBASSY OF FLIGHT NUMBERS AND ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES WHEN CONFIRMED. ROBINSON

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